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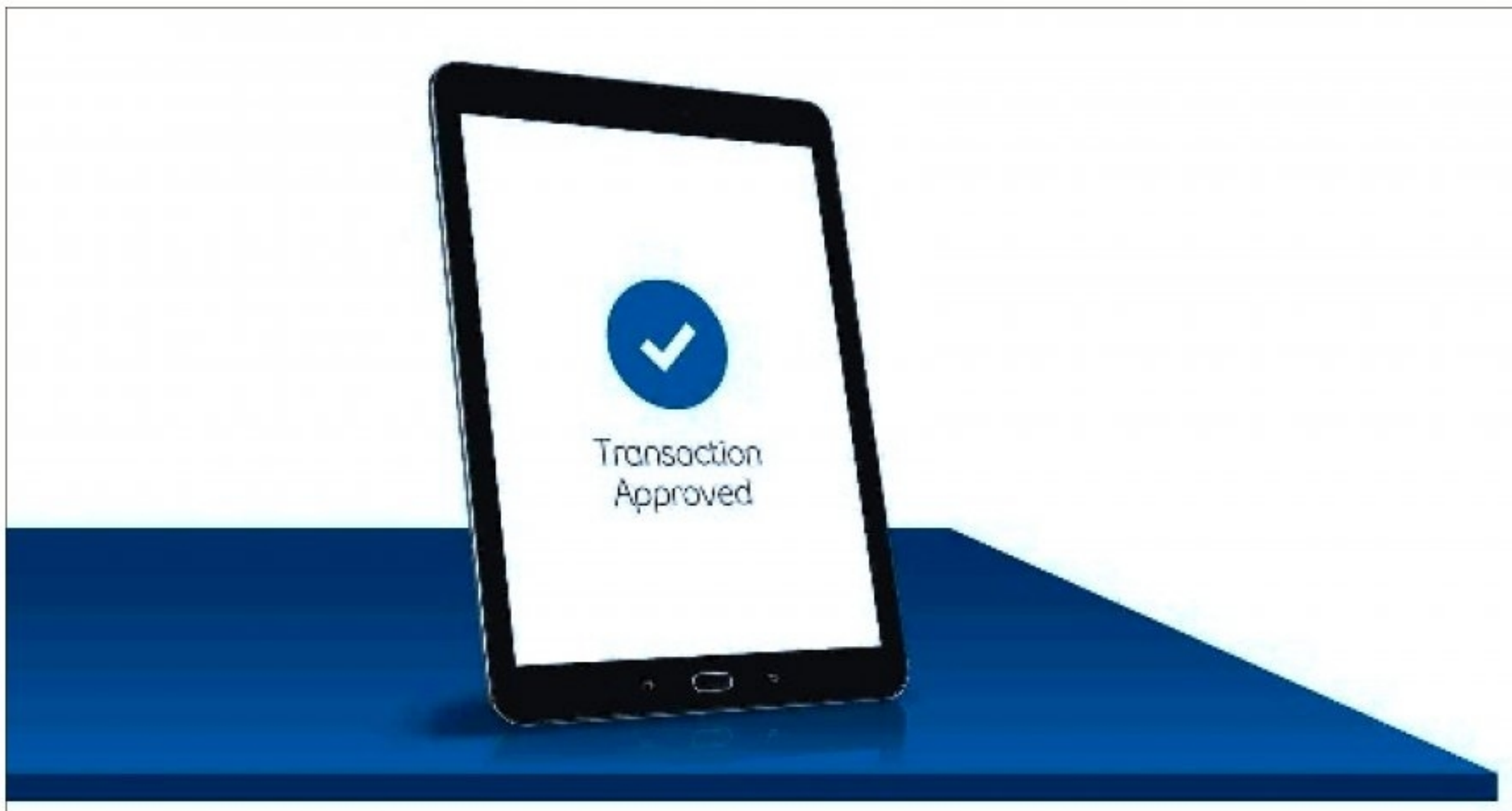

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Drone cam comes off, comes home

AERONAUTICS

Little girl puts end to pilot's manic search

Steven Goetz
Metro | Toronto

Bryan Cacciatore spent hours searching the ground for his new 360-degree camera, which had come loose from his drone, falling 90 metres into a muddy stretch of Riverdale Park East.

The licensed drone pilot had mounted the new camera last Wednesday for an early morning trial flight over the empty park.

About three minutes after liftoff, the drone broadcast an image to his remote control showing the new camera had disappeared. Uh-oh.

After hours retracing the drone's flight path in vain, Cacciatore posted to Bunz Trading Zone, the popular Facebook bartering group, offering a reward for anyone who could find the camera.

Less than 30 minutes later — while he was still scouring the park with a shovel — he received an alert that Kirsten Wasowicz knew a little girl who had found the camera earlier that afternoon.

"We exchanged messages, and she said she didn't want anything in exchange," Cacciatore said.

Wasowicz came to his office the next morning with the camera. He gave her a bottle of wine and some toys for the little girl to say thank you.

"I tried it out, and it still works," Cacciatore said. "A couple nicks at the top of the lens, but virtually no damage after falling 90 metres."

Bryan Cacciatore with his drone in Riverdale Park East. STEVEN GOETZ/FOR METRO

Humans of Toronto by K. Omar

"I am in the fashion industry and, right now, I'm trying to start my own brand. The best piece of advice I have received is to stay humble and to stay on my path. That was from my best friend and mentor.

Humans of Toronto is K. Omar's social photography project aimed at photographing and talking to people in the city. Selections from her work feature weekly in Metro. See more at Humans_of_Toronto on Instagram.

CELEBRITY

Prince's Bridle Path palace up for sale

The late Prince's records are climbing the charts, with single sales topping one million in the days since his death.

But can the Purple One's prestige extend to Toronto's hyper-luxury housing market?

A 14,280-square-foot mansion in the Bridle Path — owned by the music legend during his short-lived marriage to Toronto native Manuela Testolini in the early 2000s — is currently listed for sale by Forest Hill Oakville Real Estate Brokerage.

According to the listing, the home is a "rare opportunity" to reside in the estate of an "acclaimed international music celebrity." Boasting six bedrooms, 10 bathrooms, a tennis court and an "award-winning" pool with a heated cabana and three-piece ensuite kitchen, the realtor promises a "majestic ambiance for entertaining on a global level."

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Pedestrian traffic fatalities in 2016

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NEW FATALITY
Victoria Park Avenue and Patrick Boulevard

Friday, April 22: a 58-year-old woman was hit by a pickup truck around 5:30 p.m. in the intersection of Patrick and Victoria Park.

1. **Kennedy Road & Ellesmere Road**
Sunday, Jan. 3
39-year-old man

2. **Bayview Avenue & Eglinton Avenue E.**
Friday, Jan. 15
85-year-old woman

3. **Sheppard Avenue E. & Chichester Place**
Sunday, Jan. 17
79-year-old man

4. **Dundas Street W. & Poplar Avenue**
Thursday, Jan 28
49-year-old woman

5. **Dufferin Street & Armstrong Avenue**
Saturday, Jan. 30
90-year-old woman

6. **Wedgewood Drive & Tobruk Crescent**
Wednesday, Feb. 10
84-year-old man

7. **Finch Avenue W. & Tobermory Drive**
Saturday, Feb. 13
72-year-old woman

8. **Dawes Road & Secord Avenue**
Thursday, Feb. 18
74-year-old woman

9. **MacDonnell Avenue & Queen Street W.**
Thursday, Feb. 18
70-year-old man

10. **Queen Street E. & Jarvis Street**
Friday, March 4
Woman in her 40s

11. **333 King St E.**
Tuesday, March 22
79-year-old woman

12. **Finch Avenue E. & Skymark Drive**
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MARKHAM

Taxpayers question council pay raise

A group of Markham taxpayers is questioning why local residents are subsidizing some of the highest councillor salaries in the GTA, after council voted to give themselves a pay raise.

Council passed a motion in early April that gave all 13 councillors a pay hike for attending dozens of meetings in the leadup to the decision to merge its distribution company, PowerStream, with three others to form one of the largest electrical distribution companies in the province.

Last fall, the City of Markham narrowly voted in favour of the merger, but the decision took months, and "20 or so" meetings, according to Coun. Karen Rea.

"We put a lot of hours in … some of the meetings were six hours or more," said Rea.

Markham Enterprises Corporation is a holding company for the city and owns the city's share in Powerstream. Councillors serve on the board of directors for MEC just by being elected to council.

The motion calls for all the "directors" with MEC, to receive $5,000 annual stipend and $325 per meeting, up to a maximum of 16 meetings, backdated to Jan. 1, 2015 — provided they do not sit on boards of Markham's other energy interests, Powerstream and Markham District Energy.

This means most councillors would get $10,200 for their work in 2015. Furthermore, the board chair and vice-chair are to receive an additional $2,000 or $1,000.

$10,200
Payout to most councillors for 2015.

Residents say the problem with MEC is many don't understand why the company, which appears to serve the same function as council, is needed.

"The business of MEC is normal council business and does not require an additional compensation model," said resident Mike Gannon, in an email to councillors and staff.

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ANIMALS SPREADING THE PUPPY LOVE WITH A FRIENDLY SHAKE About 100 Bernese mountain dogs and their owners descended on Cherry Beach on Sunday for the Third Annual World Wide Berner Walk. Trixie Middleton travelled all the way from St. Mary's, Ont. with her four dogs. "I love (the breed's) loyalty, their couch potato-ness, and their love of life," Middleton said. "It's an addiction, can't you tell?"
STEVEN GOETZ/FOR METRO

Tory agrees to meeting with activists

RACISM

Black Lives Matter to join discussion on equity after all

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

Mayor John Tory's change of heart is the latest victory for Toronto's Black Lives Matter movement. After weeks of holding out, the mayor has agreed to hold a public meeting with the group to discuss racism and equity issues in Toronto.

"It's a significant moment," said Rodney Diverlus, one of Black Lives Matter Toronto's co-founders. "Our stance for a public meeting is unwavering. It's not just us wanting to meet with public officials; it's an entire community."

Tory attempted to hold a private meeting Saturday with leaders in the black community and police Chief Mark Saunders. But once at city hall, many attendees told the mayor the discussions could not proceed without participation from Black Lives Matter.

For over a month, Black Lives Matter activists have been decrying the police's treatment of black residents and calling for a review of the Special Investigations Unit. Diverlus said it's unfortunate it took the mayor this long to realize the importance of open public consultations and the inclusion of those directly affected by police practices. "We hope the mayor acknowledges that this is a systemic issue," he said.

Black Lives Matter protesters sing out in front of the Toronto police headquarters on March 21. COLE BURSTON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

A question of transparency

Since the SIU cleared police in Andrew Loku's death, demands for the release of the secret report from that investigation — and all others by the SIU — have come from inside and outside Queen's Park. We asked prominent Ontarians if they think these reports should be made public. Here is what they said:

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

There is no question that openness and transparency engenders greater trust, and that is exactly what is in short supply these days, especially with law enforcement agencies. Why shouldn't they publish SIU investigation reports? Ann Cavoukian, former information and privacy commissioner of Ontario

To better serve the public interest, publication of all SIU reports is a must.
Gary Pieters, immediate past-president of the Urban Alliance on Race Relations

Yes.... If the minister's not afraid of anything or SIU or the people that cleared another officer, then what's there to be afraid of?
Olivia Chow, former Toronto city councillor and NDP MP

Where an SIU investigative report does not result in criminal charges the report should be released.
Bill Closs, former Kingston police chief who has reviewed more than 1,000 investigations for the Office of the Independent Police Review Director

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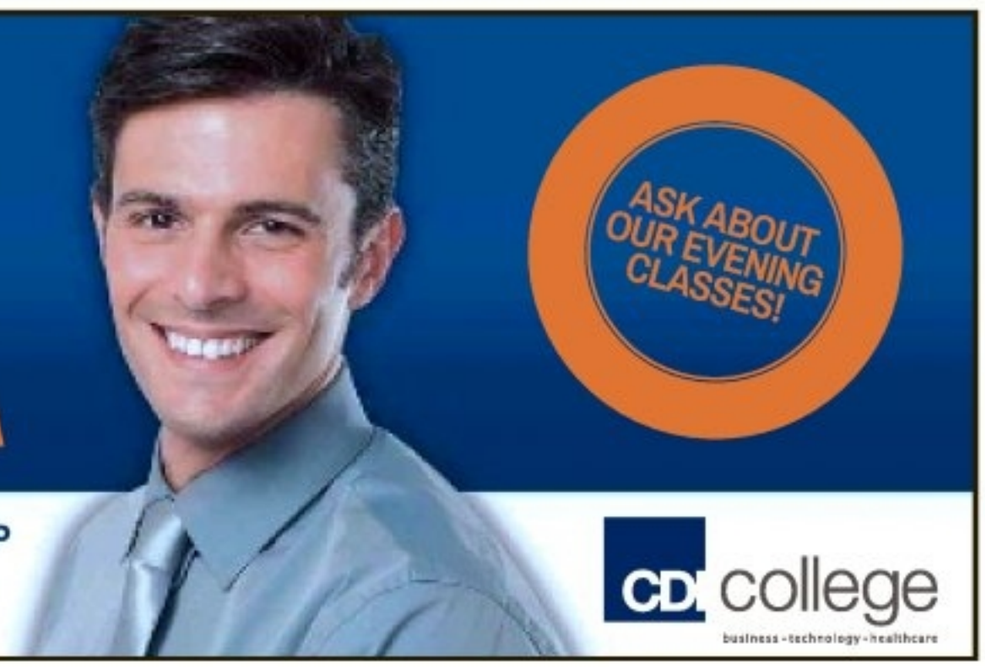

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Ringing in bike lanes on Bloor

INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee to discuss separated lanes Monday

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

A growing chorus of planners, transit experts, cyclists and business owners in Toronto are dinging their bells in unison to demand bike lanes on Bloor Street.

On Monday, the city's public works and infrastructure committee will debate whether to install separated cycle tracks on Bloor between Shaw Street and Avenue Road as part of a one-year, $595,000 pilot project.

The plan goes to council May 2, and committee support could ensure it becomes a reality.

"It all just makes sense, but the most important reason is safety," said Nancy Smith Lea, director of the Toronto Centre for Active Transportation.

The plan to put cycle tracks on Bloor St. will go before council on May 2. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

$500,000

Cost to install the lanes for the pilot project.

Over 3,000 cyclists pedal along the busy Bloor Street stretch daily, "but the current situation is just not safe enough," Smith Lea said, noting high rates of doorings and other collisions.

"We know from experience that bike lanes make it safer," said Coun. Joe Cressy, one of the lanes' biggest boosters.

Cressy's council neighbour, Ward 20's Mike Layton, believes adding bike lanes to Bloor could turn the street into a more "dynamic" commercial and cultural hub.

"Cities all around us are moving towards pedestrian and cycling models on marquee streets. Bloor is that street in Toronto," he said.

The plan would see 135 on-street parking spots removed from Bloor, meaning a divisive debate can be expected at both committee and council. However, Bells on Bloor co-founder Albert Koehl urged politicians to consider more than just how the bike lanes will impact drivers.

"What about the savings in our health-care system from not having to treat cyclists who were hit on Bloor? What about the benefits of exercise and cleaner air?" he said.

"These things need to be considered, not just whether it will take someone an extra 60 seconds to drive through the area."

DEBATE

The idea of bike lanes on Bloor has been floated before, but concerns about the loss of parking and the impact on local business put the brakes on the project.

This time, however, bike advocates say the gears have shifted.

"Never before have we had so many people — and not just the usual suspects — take up the cause," said Cycle Toronto director Jared Kolb.

"We've got strong political leadership locally, strong business support, residents and residents' associations and a growing amount of data that backs up the argument in an unbiased, scientific way."

Kolb pointed to a study showing only 10 per cent of shoppers along the affected stretch of Bloor Street arrived by car.

Those who arrived on two wheels were also shown to shop more often and spend more on average.

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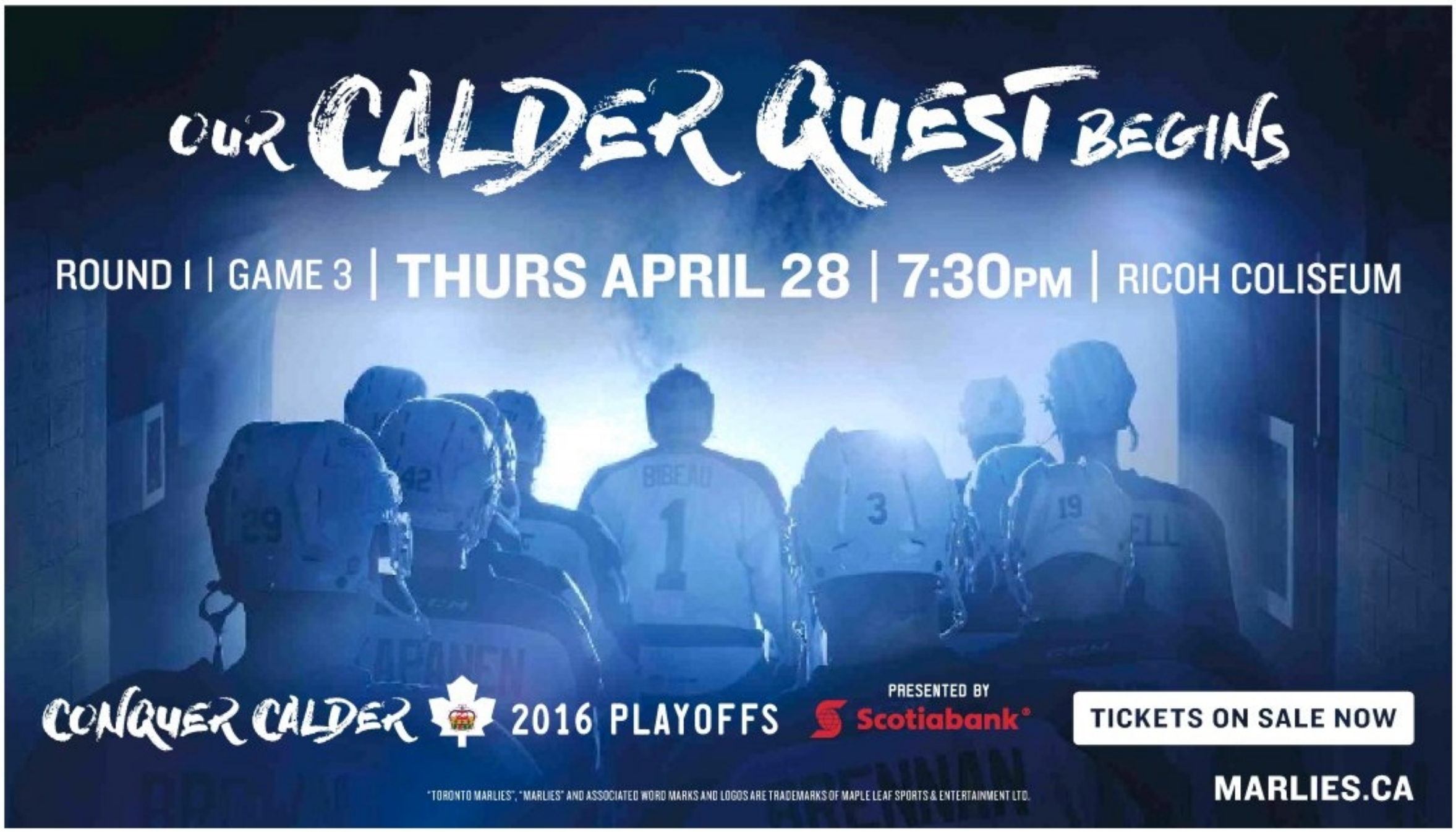
Per cent of cyclists surveyed by the city who support the pilot project.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This is a transformational opportunity, not just for cycling but for transportation in general in Toronto.

Bells on Bloor co-founder
Albert Koehl

There's been no better time when there's more support — from businesses to residents — all indicating bike lanes on Bloor is a project that will benefit the community.

Ward 19 Coun.
Mike Layton

A bike lane on Bloor is a 40-year-old idea that is long overdue. I'm confident this will be a successful pilot and demonstrate bike lanes can be a win/win.

Ward 20 Coun.
Joe Cressy

I've committed myself to expanding protected, separated bike lanes into a proper network across the city and we have to find ways to make progress on that goal.

Mayor
John Tory

To unlock cycling across the city we need to make big gestures. One of those gestures is having main streets like Bloor that are built to welcome cyclists in a safe way.

Cycle Toronto director
Jared Kolb

I'm absolutely confident this will be a net gain for our business.

Basecamp Climbing founder
Matthew Languay

TIMELINE | The Bloor bike lane debate has been 40 years in the making

1976 The earliest reference to bike lanes on Bloor Street dates back to 1976, when city officials recommended studying the idea. The report concluded Bloor was an ideal location.

1992 A consultant's report once again identified Bloor Street as an ideal east-west bike route, saying it "could become a spine for Toronto's cycling network."

2001 The city releases "Shifting Gears," its official bike plan. It envisions 495 kilometres of on-street bike lanes (only 17 per cent of which get built), but Bloor is not included.

2005 The Take the Tooker group — named for the late cycling advocate Tooker Gomber – is formed and begins agitating for bike lanes on Bloor.

2007 The inaugural Bells on Bloor ride takes place, drawing about 500 cyclists. Subsequent rides attract over 2,000 cyclists.

2009 A study by the Toronto Centre for Active Transportation finds only 10 per cent of shoppers in the Bloor-Annex area arrived by car.

2011 The Annex Residents' Association endorses bike lanes on Bloor. Three years later, the ARA proposes the lanes be run as a pilot project "that even ardent cycling opponents would be hard-pressed to question."

2012 A Toronto Public Health survey finds bike lanes on Bloor is the No. 1 active transit priority for residents in the Annex.

2012 City council votes to conduct an environmental assessment of Bloor Street bike lanes. The assessment stalls, but is eventually deemed unnecessary to proceed.

2016 If approved by council, the bike lanes will be installed over the summer.

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How a mom's belly pic ended up online

PRIVACY

Woman's photo lands on porn site after being catfished

Evan Matthews
For Metro | Winnipeg

Tracy Drexler says her photo ended up on a pregnancy porn site.
CONTRIBUTED

A woman from Winnipeg, Man. says she was shocked to find out photos she sent to someone she thought was a friend ended up on a pregnancy porn site.

Tracey Drexler, a mother of two, says she is pregnant with twins. She said she went online looking for Facebook groups who could provide her with advice on birthing twins, and found a group called Life With Twins.

"I've gotten lots of good advice on there. Being a first time twin-mom, you don't really know what to expect," said Drexler. "It's been helpful in a lot of ways."

Drexler was commenting on a thread along with another pregnant mother.

The woman commenting with Drexler befriended her on Facebook, and they started discussing their pregnancies. Drexler didn't think twice about sending a belly photo, she said.

"It was definitely innocent to start, like, she's just another mom, right?" said Drexler.

But innocent soon turned creepy.

"She asked about my nipples and how they were changing, and then she asked to see a photo," she said. "We kind of stopped talking then."

A short time later, Drexler noticed the group make a post about not allowing belly photos in the group due to people catfishing photos of pregnant women. Attached to the post was a link to a site called pregophillia.com.

"I remembered I had shared my picture with the creepy (person)," said Drexler. "I clicked on the link and went through the website. I found a photo of me."

Drexler said she sent the website an email and they took her photo down.

Susie Parker, social media strategist for Sparker Strategy Group, said there are certain things all people – not just pregnant women, should keep in mind when dealing with people online.

"Don't accept requests from people you don't know," she said. "If you do… you put yourself and (your) information at greater risk online."

> **It was definitely innocent to start, like, she's just another mom, right?**
> Tracey Drexler

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Rescued dogs get second chance

Thandi Fletcher
Metro | Vancouver

Five dogs rescued from the illegal meat trade in Asia are being given a new leash on life in British Columbia.

The animals, which were brought here by Vancouver-based animal rescue group Leading Each Animal Safely Home, or LEASH, arrived at Vancouver International Airport late Saturday night.

LEASH worked with the Soi Dog Foundation, a Thailand-based non-profit organization that rescued the dogs from being trafficked into the meat industry in that region.

"The dog meat trade is a huge industry there," Cassi MacDonald, team member for LEASH, told Metro. "It's horrifying. It's absolutely devastating because to us, dogs are our companions. They're our friends… and it's sad to imagine our companions going through such things."

Although eating dog meat is illegal in Thailand, tens of thousands of dogs are smuggled from the country every year to neighbouring regions, where they are prepared for human consumption. The dogs are often transported in crammed crates, where they either die along the way or are tortured for hours, often before being skinned alive, according to the Soi Dog Foundation.

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Bloody weekend in the U.S.

From a shooting at a Wisconsin high-school prom to slain family members, this weekend in the U.S. saw at least 14 people dead, including gunmen. Investigations into all the shootings are still ongoing. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WISCONSIN

Dream night turns into a nightmare

An 18-year-old man opened fire with a high-powered rifle outside of a high school prom in northern Wisconsin, wounding two students before a police officer who was in the parking lot fatally shot him, authorities said Sunday.

Investigators did not say whether they believe the two students were specifically targeted or discuss a possible motive for the shooting. But a school administrator said it appeared that the gunman — identified as Jakob E. Wagner — intended to go into the dance and start shooting randomly.

The two prom-goers who were wounded were shot as they exited the building, according to Eric Roller, the chief of police in Antigo, a community of about 8,000 people roughly 150 miles north of Milwaukee.

GEORGIA

'A ticking time bomb'

The daughter of a northeast Georgia man suspected of shooting five people to death before killing himself said her father was a "ticking time bomb."

Lauren Hawes told The Associated Press on Saturday that she and her 1-year-old daughter hid in a neighbour's house — barely escaping with their lives — while her father, Wayne Anthony Hawes, 50, went on a bloody rampage and killed five people, including her grandmother and cousin.

Capt. Andy Shedd of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office said that the shootings stemmed from a domestic dispute that left three men and two women dead at two separate locations. The body of shooting suspect Hawes was recovered Saturday by authorities.

OHIO

'A pre-planned execution'

Residents of the rural southern Ohio community of Piketon are rattled by a rare major crime that took the lives of eight members of a tight-knit family in the area.

Authorities were still trying Sunday to find out who targeted the seven adults and teenage boy and why. Their bodies were found Friday at four different homes near Piketon, about 60 miles south of Columbus.

Attorney General Mike DeWine said Sunday the slayings were "a pre-planned execution" and he expects the investigation will be lengthy.

TRAGEDY

Nepal marks quake anniversary

People gathered Sunday at the remains of a historic tower in Nepal's capital that collapsed in a devastating earthquake a year ago, as Nepalese held memorial services to mark the anniversary of a disaster that killed nearly 9,000 people and left millions homeless.

Minor protests were also held, with demonstrators angry at the slow rate of reconstruction in the wake of the magnitude-7.8 quake that ravaged vast areas of Nepal.

Participating in the memorial ceremonies were people who lost loved ones in the quake, and others who simply came to pray for those killed.

According to the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, an estimated 4 million people are still living in sub-standard temporary shelters in conditions that pose a threat to their health and well-being. Nepal has made almost no progress in rebuilding. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rage against the machine

ROBOTS

Fears rise of a takeover by automated workers

Hype about robots — from artificially intelligent therapists to burrito-delivery drones — has surged recently amid increased investment from tech giants such as Facebook, Google and Amazon.

With so much high-profile coverage, it's no wonder fears have also soared that automated helpers could put us out of work. A recent Pew Institute study said more than two-thirds of Americans think that most jobs will be done by robots or computers in 50 years. But according to at least one expert, a full-fledged robot workplace invasion will not happen anytime soon.

"I scream when I see colleagues say that robots are going to replace people and be mimicking their brain," said Andrew Goldenberg, professor emeritus in mechanical engineering at the University of Toronto. "To compete with people from a certain level of skills and up? Give me a break."

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Domino's Robotic Unit (DRU) is an autonomous vehicle that carries pizza and sides.

The travelling robot hitchhiked across Canada in 2014, covering 10,000 kilometres.

Amelia, a call centre robot, uses enhanced natural language to go beyond the typical "press one to speak with someone" to "understand" what you're asking for.

The reason is that there are many limitations to machine learning. Robots are much better at learning tasks that can be memorized and have strict rules and structures: they can breeze through the math portion of an SAT, but would flunk the essay section.

Robots are not going to be able to perform the most human of functions — those that require improvised, creative, emotional responses, any time soon, Goldenberg said.

However, robots replacing some manufacturing jobs — once the foundation of a middle-class life — has been happening for decades.

"In the auto industry we've seen the march of automation and increasing labour productivity rapidly for the last several decades," said Bill Murnighan, director of research at Unifor, Canada's biggest union.

Canada is producing about the same number of vehicles as it was two decades ago, with a quarter fewer workers. The lion's share of the change has come from new technology, including robots, said Murnighan.

It's a scenario that's become increasingly familiar to workers in the service industry, such as those in fast food, call centres, retail and bank tellers.

McDonalds Canada plans to outfit 1,000 locations with self-serve kiosks — though the company said it would not lead to job losses.

The White House's Council of Economic Advisers projected earlier this year that people making less than $20 an hour have an 83 per cent chance of losing their job to a robot, while the odds for those earning less than $40 are 30 per cent.

Even education might not be the protection from creeping automation it was once thought to be. A McKinsey & Co. study found most of what most of us do at work is repetitive and rote. That means robots might not entirely replace our jobs, but rather a lot of what we do.

About 45 per cent of the tasks Americans do across all jobs could be automated — even those in powerful positions. About 20 per cent of the work a CEO does could be automated, the McKinsey study found.

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NAHEED NENSHI

Recording could be a felony

Brodie Thomas
Metro | Calgary

Secretly recording a conversation is not cool under Massachusetts law. But calling someone a "d—" is not a problem.

That's according to Boston-based lawyer Howard Cooper, who spoke to Metro about the potential legal fallout of a recording made of Mayor Naheed Nenshi last week in Boston.

A Lyft driver who picked up the mayor had the live-streaming app Periscope running on a device. Nenshi had no idea he was being broadcast, and spoke candidly about his thoughts on the ride-sharing company Uber.

Cooper said under Massachusetts law, it is a felony to secretly record the audio of another person's voice, without their consent. He said there is even a famous case where a man made a recording of police harassing him. The man took the recording to police to lay a complaint and was instead charged with a felony.

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THE QUESTION

A friend I've known since moving to Canada, who is deeply embedded in my social circle, makes me uncomfortable. He's rowdy and rude, and creepy toward my wife. Should I dump him? Can I?

Dear Ellen,

One of my oldest friends (I've known him since I came to Canada 11 years ago) is also from my country and shares connections with my people back home. But he does drugs to the point where I feel uncomfortable around him, and behaves in a horribly rowdy and rude manner. Also he is touchy-feely, really quite creepy, towards my wife, making suggestive comments and hugging her in an overly drawn-out and grabby way. My wife feels very skeeved out by this, but won't say anything as he's my friend. Unfortunately, his sister and my wife's stepbrother are together, and he's embedded in my social circle.

Should I dump him? How can I dump him?

Rakib, Toronto

Dear Rakib,

At some point, many of us look at certain friends and realize that if we met them now, there's no way we'd have anything to do with them. Whether it's their idiotic politics, crude manners, overweening narcissism, deadly dull conversation, or lack of personal hygiene we can't stand, the fact is we could live happily see the last of them tomorrow.

But if they're childhood friends, or family friends, or the "friends by default" we tend to accumulate through our social circles, we often accept them for who they are.

With friends past their shelf life, it can be less hurtful if you just politely evaporate over time.

You might even argue that it does us good to make room for all types in our lives.

As for friends who don't fit any of those categories, who may have crossed us in some way, or who add nothing but empty social obligation to our lives, and to whom we owe nothing, it is perfectly justifiable to let the friendship go.

The sleazy loser you're describing fits into the last category, and deserves to be dumped immediately.

Alas, with the extenuating circumstances you've described, I admit this won't be easy.

If he was a reasonable person who wasn't embedded in your life, I'd recommend you simply back off. When you repeatedly find excuses not to get together with someone, they'll usually take the hint and stop asking. Note: This is not allowed in romantic relationships, where you are obliged to explicitly tell your soon-to-be ex you want to break up, and then bear the brunt of any last words/objects they want to fling at you.

But with friends past their shelf life, it can be easier and less hurtful for both parties if you just politely evaporate over time. As a friend who's both dumped and been dumped, I can tell you this method works like a charm. In a couple of cases, it took me years to realize I'd been dumped at all! But the passage of time and my own (narcissistic?) powers of denial definitely helped to alleviate the sting.

Unfortunately for you, Rakib, the wife-groping, drug-taking, ill-mannered clod in your life is likely incapable of taking a hint. Even if you confront him directly, and unfriend him in person, he sounds like the type of jerk who'd stir up trouble among your surrounding friends and family.

What might work is if you address his behaviour on a case-by-case basis. If your wife can't bring herself to tell him not to grope her, you can ask him to be more respectful the next time he does it. When he's high, tell him you don't want to be around him. When he's rowdy and rude, call him out on his words and actions.

Keep it short and sweet, calm and polite. He may counterattack with ridicule or anger, so let him, shrug it off, and move on. Do not engage or argue. Consistently react with lecturing disapproval every time he reoffends.

With any luck at all, he'll soon find you to be a boring, self-righteous nag, and want to start avoiding you altogether.

Problem solved.

Need advice?
Email Ellen:
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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

You gotta be pretty good with women to be as sexy as Prince was

Among all the other things more eloquently explained by hundreds of other people by now, Prince was a sexual god.

It's not an academic premise; it's a visceral fact. His music forces movement from secret, erogenous places, outwards. You tingle. You hum. Then you dance.

And it's anything but conventional titillation. Pan-sexuality is a decidedly dull and ubiquitous phrase for the fluid and erotic way he played with gender and desire. Prince's sexiness was dirty, and highly feminine, but also fundamentally loving in a way that is desperately lacking in the sex appeal of mainstream pop culture today.

For women, and really anyone who's not a hetero-male, and even hetero-males, his femme-sex-positiveness is still radical.

"Prince put women in his band. Thirty years ago," tweeted my friend, Helen Spitzer, on the news of Prince's death. "He wrote a sexy, beautiful song called 'If I was yr girlfriend.' I don't want to overstate this (cannot be overstated) but Prince thought women's orgasms were important."

"As a young woman it was very obvious to you he was women-focused, very female-centric on how he conceived of sexiness," Helen added when I called her up.

Which isn't to say he wasn't also masculine. Somehow, while lounging naked in a feminine pose, one hand delicately covering a bare nipple, he gave us a single outlet for sexual desires that would otherwise run in wildly opposite, or looping, or disjointed directions. Hard and soft.

He was also "genuinely sexually curious, in an utterly respectful way," Helen noted. And that was the other side of his sexual perfection. Its openness. Its authenticity. Its dignity, even when it was nasty. Its adoration of sexuality itself. "Sexuality is all we ever need," he sings in the aptly titled "Sexuality." And the "we" there is key — while Prince was having an orgasmic time, he wanted everyone else to, too.

Politically speaking, it's not exactly clear whether Prince always believed in the free erotic glory he embodied. A 2008 New Yorker profile suggested he disapproved of gay marriage. But from the reaction to his death, that is no match for his actual, deep and expansive legacy of sexual and gender freedom.

And, it should also be said, love. For at least the last three years, I've listened on repeat to Call My Name. Leaning hard on slow soulfulness, it is the perfect love song. Lust-love, heart-love, soul-love. The way your name, on the lips of your lover, "let me know that my name had never really been spoken before."

"Baby would you call it! Call my name," he begs. "... Prince."

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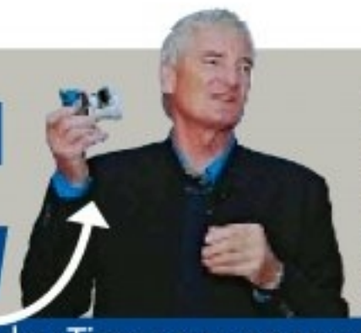

James Dyson, inventor of the Dyson vacuum, is the first self-made Briton to reach the £5-billion mark, states the 2016 Rich List.

'There are no jobs' for new grads

EDUCATION

Even qualified engineers are feeling the oil price pinch

Shady Hashem travelled partway around the world to study as a mine engineer in Canada, at times paying triple the local tuition and working at a call centre to put himself through school, only to graduate in one of the worst job markets in recent memory.

"There are no jobs," said Hashem, 28.

"I talk to a lot of engineers, and the expected time to get a job is between six months and a year."

He came to Calgary to look for work after finishing classes at Halifax's Dalhousie University in December, hoping to find something in Alberta's oilsands with his co-op work experience at Syncrude last summer. But postings are slim, and he hasn't heard anything back after applying for 50 or so jobs in recent weeks.

"I'm applying everywhere, but I haven't heard back from anybody yet, not even an email that says, 'Sorry, this position has been filled,"' said Hashem. "That's very frustrating."

Hashem, originally from Egypt but now a permanent resident of Canada, is one of the many recent engineering grads who are struggling to find jobs in the aftermath of the global oil price plunge.

Shady Hashem, who did a co-op placement with Alberta's Syncrude, graduated from engineering at Dalhousie University into one of the worst job markets in recent memory. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Those still in school looking for work experience also face a daunting market as summer approaches.

Colleen Bangs, manager of career services at the University of Calgary, said only about a third of the 659 engineering students at the school have found placements for their year-long internships as companies cut back on campus recruitment.

"Something I've noticed, particularly in this last semester, is that there's a bit of an impending feeling of doom," said Bangs.

That's in stark contrast to the situation just a couple years ago, when the industry was booming.

"Now it's a bit more sombre... It's a lot slower, much like we're seeing in the general marketplace," Bangs said.

Several companies are cutting back on student hirings. Suncor said it's reduced hiring compared with recent years without giving specifics, while Cenovus Energy said it isn't hiring any students at all for now, paid or unpaid.

Cenovus spokesman Brett Harris said in an email that the company suspended the program given the challenging economic environment, which has resulted in more than 30 per cent of the company's overall workforce being cut since the end of 2014.

It's not all doom and gloom, however.

At the University of Alberta, close to 70 per cent of the 1,300 students looking for four-month co-op placements have found them, said assistant professor Tim Joseph at the university's school of mining and petroleum engineering.

Joseph said he's hoping to get more than 80 per cent of students in co-ops this summer, compared with a peak of 96 per cent in the boom years. Students who can't find placements risk losing their spot in the co-op program, and graduating without work experience.

But even those graduating with experience are struggling, said Joseph, as they look for those elusive long-term, full-time jobs. He recently asked for a show of hands in the graduating class of about 850 of those who had a job lined up, and said only about 20 per cent raised their hands.

Hashem was fortunate enough to find co-op placements throughout his program, so has some savings to live on, but he's cut back on expenses where he can.

With few jobs to apply for, he's spending most of his time these days trying to further improve his skills, taking an online course on project manager principles so he can apply for civil engineering jobs.

He said he has up days and down days as he tries to stay focused and optimistic.

"I'm doing my best," he said. "I'm improving my qualifications, but I'm still waiting."

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Kamran Khan, 35, Toronto, Implementation Consultant

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I never thought I'd be specializing in health-care IT. It just goes to show you sometimes your passion comes later in life. You just have to embrace it.

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HOW TO START
A computer systems technology or computer systems analyst diploma from a college is a good place to start. A bachelor of technology in computer systems or bachelor of computer science are also good options.

WHERE YOU CAN GO
The field is open for information systems specialists. In-house careers include IT specialist or network IT specialist, systems administrator or computer programmer. Many information systems specialists also work as consultants and trainers; either as employees or freelancers.

NEXT CAREER STEP
Information systems experts are needed in almost all fields. Many choose to specialize in a particular sector, like health care, public administration, finance or aerospace; and may combine subject knowledge with IT expertise. The most rapid growth is projected for occupations that combine information technology with business acumen. METRO

MONEY MATTERS

Can you really afford that mortgage?

Gail Vaz-Oxlade
For Metro Canada

Kara and her husband, Petrie, decided to get pre-approved so they could shop for their next home knowing the mortgage was good to go. They couldn't believe how much the bank said they could borrow.

If you think that a lender won't give you more mortgage than you could afford to repay, you might be wrong. A 2011 study showed that 200,000 Canadians couldn't manage any increase in their mortgage payments, while another 700,000 couldn't handle a $200-per-month increase.

The mortgage you qualify for should not be the determining factor in how much home you buy. Lenders have been throwing money at people, confident in their ability to claim any losses back from CMHC (Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation). Normal lending criteria have gone out the window; replaced by a quick glance at credit scores.

I've heard stories of bankers encouraging people to put down less money so the mortgage will be CMHC insured. I've even heard stories of people being offered better interest rates for smaller down payments. Go figure.

My rule of thumb is to not spend more than 35 per cent of your net income on shelter including mortgage payments, property taxes, insurance, utilities, and maintenance.

If you bring home $3,750 and your mate earns $4,225 after taxes each month, you have a total net income of $7,975. Divide that by 100 and multiply by 35. (7975 ÷ 100 x 35 = $2,791) That gives you $2,791 you can afford to spend on shelter.

That is not how much you can afford to spend on a mortgage.

What's it going to cost for your property taxes? My home insurance runs to $100 a month. Utilities (heating, electricity, water, sewage) cost me about $225 a month. Then there's home maintenance. If you'll pay condo fees, use those plus an additional $200 a month for stuff you have to do inside your unit.

No condo fees? Use 3 per cent of the value of the home, sans property. For the sake of projection, estimate of $500/month for maintenance.

When you add up all those costs it comes to $1,125 not including a mortgage payment.

So if you have $2,791 to spend on shelter, and you're spending $1,125 on everything but mortgage, you have ($2,791 – $1,125 = $1,666) up to $1,666 to spend on your mortgage payment.

Time to head over to a mortgage calculator to see how much mortgage you can afford. Plug in different mortgage amounts to see which number comes closest to what you can afford.

Don't squeeze yourself into the biggest mortgage you can manage, since any increase in interest will take your mortgage payment higher at renewal.

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JOHANNA SCHNELLER
WHAT I'M WATCHING

The cutest, happiest show on television

THE SHOW: Little Big Shots, Season 1, Episode 6
THE MOMENT: The Motown kid

Host Steve Harvey introduces Nathaniel, a teenager who plays young Michael Jackson on Broadway in The Motown Musical. Out struts a boy with a smile brighter than the stage lights, wearing a red jacket and a black hat cocked on his forehead. Harvey starts wiggling with glee.

"Ooh, he got swag," he says. "Look at him pop-locking. Notice how he hasn't taken his hand out of his pocket. Player move."

Harvey and Nathaniel chat about how much they love James Brown. Nathaniel pulls on a yellow cape and starts doing a murderously good James Brown dance, complete with splits.

Harvey watches for a minute, open-mouthed. Then he can't help it, he's on his feet. He flings his question card away, and dances along.

Little Big Shots is, bar none, the happiest show on the air. It's a formula as old as television itself — kids say and do the darndest things — but this iteration from producers Ellen Degeneres and Harvey nails it.

First, it's not a competition; everyone gets a standing ovation. Second, Harvey is insanely good at talking to kids. He knows when to tease them; he knows how to play dumb to make them giggle; and he makes masterful reaction faces.

Most importantly, few of the kids are as talented as Nathaniel. For every string quartet or eerily mature jazz singer, there's an amateur tap dancer, ventriloquist, or YouTube star who dances funny.

They're not scary-good, just good enough to charm you into beaming at the TV as if you were their grandma.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

Little Big Shots host Steve Harvey with pint-sized soul sensation Nathaniel. CONTRIBUTED

Beyoncé turns racism and rage into Lemonade

MUSIC

Intoxicating surprise album tackles tough topics

Beyoncé doesn't simply release albums anymore, she unleashes events.

And so it was this weekend, amid deep mourning for a lost icon, music's queen dropped Lemonade, an arresting display of what technically qualifies as videos and singles, but is better described as a work of art that appeared deeply personal, yet is a bold social and political statement as well.

It contains revenge anthems for scorned wives, a requiem for side chicks, a display of #BlackGirlMagic and support of #BlackLivesMatter, and an ode to forgiveness, all wrapped into an hour-long HBO special Saturday night that would, of course, land on Tidal, the music-streaming service owned by hubby Jay Z, moments after the special ended.

"Are you cheating on me?" Beyoncé's husky voice intones early on. For the first half of Lemonade, it seems that Jay Z's 100th problem was here, and unfixable. While Beyoncé has used rumours of infidelity to fuel her music for years, it seemed as if she was spilling all the tea on her much-scrutinized marriage with Lemonade.

On "Hold Up," an intoxicating song with an island beat, a smiling Beyoncé takes Crazy in Love to a new level: She smashes a bat on everything around her while reminding her man that other women "don't love you like I love you." Later, on "Sorry," with a twerking Serena Williams by her side, she shows her man the stupidity of his cheating ways and all he's lost. "Middle fingers up, put 'em hands high, put it in his face, tell him 'Boy bye.'"

At another point, she references her man's desire for "Becky with the good hair" and talks about wearing his mistress's scalp.

What could come across as desperate instead becomes empowering, though, in part due to the poetic narrative Beyoncé uses to tie each segment together, as well as the imagery, which is a defiant celebration of the beauty of black women: Dark to light, woolly hair to wavy hair, all looking glorious.

And just as we think it's time to get seriously concerned for Jay Z's safety, he appears, nestled with his queen, in Sandcastles, which speaks to a troubled union but a love that transcends it.

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Beyoncé confronts the infidelity rumours swirling around her husband Jay Z head-on in Lemonade. EZRA SHAW/GETTY IMAGES

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Post-season roller-coaster nothing new to veterans

RAPTORS
SERIES 2-2

Toronto going through ups and downs with Indiana

Standing in the middle of a topsy-turvy series with the Indiana Pacers, DeMarre Carroll is having flashbacks.

It was just two years ago that Carroll was playing with the eighth-seeded Atlanta Hawks against a Pacers team that was the best of the NBA's Eastern Conference. The Hawks stole home-court advantage from them in Game 1 and took a 3-2 series lead before falling in seven games.

"Each game was different," Carroll said on Sunday, sitting on the scorer's table at the BioSteel Centre, a day after he and the Toronto Raptors were thumped in a Game 4 loss to the Pacers, tying the present-day series 2-2.

"We blew them out a couple of games and they blew us out one game. It was just like playing checkers," Carroll said. "I think we did a pretty good job but, to be honest, they were the better team (in 2014).

"That's what we're hoping to try to do this time. We feel we're the better team. Usually the better team prevails, so that's what we're going to try to do."

Four games into this series, it's hard to get a feel for what might happen next. The Raptors have underachieved, recovered, looked good, then underachieved again. The Pacers won on a heroic effort from Paul George in Game 1, then got a career-best game from Ian Mahinmi in Game 4. Through almost all of this, Kyle Lowry and DeMar DeRozan — the players that should be dominating the series for the Raptors — have been consumed by shooting slumps, turnovers and an inability to get to the free-throw line.

.354

According to basketball-reference.com, among the 203 players with all-star appearances in the three-point era with at least 250 field-goal attempts in the post-season, Kyle Lowry has the worst career percentage, at .354. DeRozan is third-worst, at .366, ahead of only Lowry and Stephon Marbury.

Raptors coach Dwane Casey said that there's a simple key to what's been happening thus far.

"The team that played the hardest in the two games that were won, they out-fought the other team," he said. "They scrapped, they fought, their backs were against the wall, they played in (desperation) mode.

"I don't think we played in a desperate mode (on Saturday). They did. And I've said it all year: If we don't play desperate, if we don't play hungry, if we're not the hungry team, we struggle."

Coming off of his worst performance of an otherwise remarkable effort in the playoffs, Cory Joseph is unsurprisingly levelheaded after the Game 4 loss. Like Carroll, he only has to look back two years to his former team's first-round matchup for a reminder of how tough and unpredictable the playoffs can be.

"The year we won (the championship), we went seven games the first round," Joseph said, recalling the San Antonio Spurs' eventual win over eighth-seeded Dallas. The Spurs trailed the Mavericks 2-1 in that series and missed a chance on closing out in Game 6.

"Every game is different inside the series, so you've just got to come back stronger and refocus and do a good job."

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Raptors forward DeMarre Carroll, left, and Paul George of the Pacers get into a tiff during Game 4 of their first-round playoff series on Saturday in Indianapolis. ANDY LYONS/GETTY IMAGES

NBA PLAYOFFS

Curry sprains knee in Dubs' win

Klay Thompson scored 23 points and the Golden State Warriors set an NBA playoff record with 21 three-pointers to overcome another injury to Stephen Curry and beat the Houston Rockets 121-94 on Sunday for a 3-1 series lead.

Curry returned after missing two games with a sprained right ankle, but did not play in the second half after spraining his right knee on the final play of the second quarter.

Golden State was just fine without him thanks to three-point shooting that led to a 41-point third quarter. The Warriors bested the NBA record they shared for threes in a playoff game when Brandon Rush made one from the top of the key with about 2-1/2 minutes left.

Golden State hosts Game 5 on Wednesday.

Dwight Howard led Houston with 19 points and 15 rebounds. James Harden had 18 points, 10 assists and seven steals.

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SWEEP

Spurs bounce Grizzlies

Kawhi Leonard scored 21 points as the San Antonio Spurs routed the Memphis Grizzlies 116-95 on Sunday, sweeping the best-of-seven opening-round series.

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Jays bats bounce back

Jose Bautista congratulates Ezequiel Carrera on his third-inning home run on Sunday. TOM SZCZERBOWSKI/GETTY IMAGES

MLB

Oakland gets taste of offence that lit up dome in 2015

SUNDAY In Toronto

BLUE JAYS	ATHLETICS
6	3

Manager John Gibbons says it's too early to say the Blue Jays are on fire. But Toronto is definitely heating up.

Ezequiel Carrera and Jose Bautista homered Sunday as the Jays continued to swing hot bats in a 6-3 victory over the Oakland Athletics that brought them back to .500 at 10-10.

The Toronto attack, which was sluggish to open the season, woke up against the A's with 20 runs, 32 hits and six home runs to win the series 2-1. Carrera, a backup outfielder making the most of Michael Saunders' sore hamstring, helped trigger the offence from the leadoff spot with seven hits in the series.

"I've always thought, I think most people did, it was just a matter of time," said Gibbons. "You're not going to hold us down for ever."

A three-game series starting Monday against the visiting Chicago White Sox will be another good test, he suggested.

While Bautista, Josh Donaldson and Troy Tulowitzki, with two, all homered against Oakland, Toronto also got contributions elsewhere.

Witness the third inning Sunday. With the Jays trailing 1-0, Carrera opened the inning by slamming a solo homer to the second deck in right-centre. The other three runs came two outs later on an intentional walk to Tulowitzki and consecutive singles by Justin Smoak, Kevin Pillar and Darwin Barney — hitters six through eight — as Toronto sent nine men to the plate in a four-run outburst against starter Eric Surkamp (0-2).

Pillar had six hits in the three-game series while Barney had four, including a homer, in two games.

"The guys you're really concentrating on are the guys two through six. It was a lot of the other guys that got us this series," said Oakland manager Bob Melvin.

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Josh Donaldson and John Gibbons THE CANADIAN PRESS

BOBS UP

Just how good is Josh Donaldson? Tens of thousands of heads were bobbing in approval Sunday as the third baseman added to his trophy case.

Lineups stretched for blocks almost 2-1/2 hours before Sunday's game with fans waiting to get their hands on one of 20,000 Donaldson bobbleheads.

Donaldson was presented Sunday with his Silver Slugger Award as the best-hitting third baseman in the AL, as well as Players Choice Awards as 2015 Player of the Year and AL Outstanding Player.

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NHL PLAYOFFS

Caps on to face Pens

GAME 6 In Philadelphia

WASHINGTON	PHILADELPHIA
1	0

Nicklas Backstrom scored, Braden Holtby had 26 saves, and the Washington Capitals beat the Philadelphia Flyers 1-0 on Sunday in Game 6 to win the series 4-2 and advance to the Eastern Conference semifinals.

The Capitals will play the Pittsburgh Penguins, setting up a marquee matchup of Alex Ovechkin versus Sidney Crosby.

Ovechkin had an assist on Backstrom's second-period goal that was enough against the punchless Flyers. The Caps scored two goals over the final three games and will need more to have a chance against the Penguins. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Jones strong in UFC return

Jon Jones unanimously outpointed Ovince Saint Preux on Saturday at UFC 197 to take the interim light heavyweight title.

On probation for a previous hit-and-run crash in New Mexico, Jones had been stripped of the title.

Jones improved to 22-2 with winning scores of 50-44, 50-45 and 50-45 from the judges. He will next face Daniel Cormier to unify the title. Saint Preux fell to 19-8.

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Speedskater Denny Morrison suffers stroke

Canadian speedskater Denny Morrison is recovering in a Salt Lake City hospital after suffering a stroke Saturday.

Speed Skating Canada says the 30-year-old from Fort St. John, B.C., had completed a month of bike touring on the Arizona Trail and was spending some free time around Salt Lake City.

Scans confirmed a brain blood clot and carotid artery dissection.

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PREMIER LEAGUE

Leicester notch 4 without top scorer

No Jamie Vardy, no problem for Leicester.

Even with their top scorer suspended, the Premier League leaders still overpowered Swansea 4-0 on Sunday to move a step closer to collecting the trophy.

The only team which can now catch Leicester is Tottenham, and the pre-season 5,000-1 outsiders have their destiny in their own hands. Tottenham is eight points behind Leicester going into Monday's game against West Bromwich Albion.

Leo Ulloa GETTY IMAGES

Leicester will be guaranteed the title by collecting five points from its remaining three fixtures.

Leicester dismantled Swansea. Vardy's replacement, Leonardo Ulloa, scored twice after Riyad Mahrez's opener and Marc Albrighton completed the rout.

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RECIPE Kale Salad with Chicken and Blueberries

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

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Ready in
Prep Time: 15 mintues
Serves: Four

Ingredients
- 2 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 small head of kale
- 1 cup blueberries
- 1 cup pecans, roughly chopped
- Salad dressing
- 1/2 cup crumbled goat cheese
- salt and pepper to taste

Directions

1. Season chicken with a pinch of salt and pepper. Grill breasts on the barbecue or a grill pan for about 5 minutes a side until they are cooked through. Set aside.

2. Wash kale and use a sharp knife to cut out the rib of each leaf. Slice the leaves horizontally into ribbons. Drizzle with a bit of olive oil, toss, then massage leaves for a minute or two.

3. Cut chicken into bite-sized pieces. Toss the chicken, berries and pecans in with the kale. Pour a small amount of salad dressing over and toss. Crumble the goat cheese over the salad. Place the extra dressing on the table for anyone who would like a little more on their salad.

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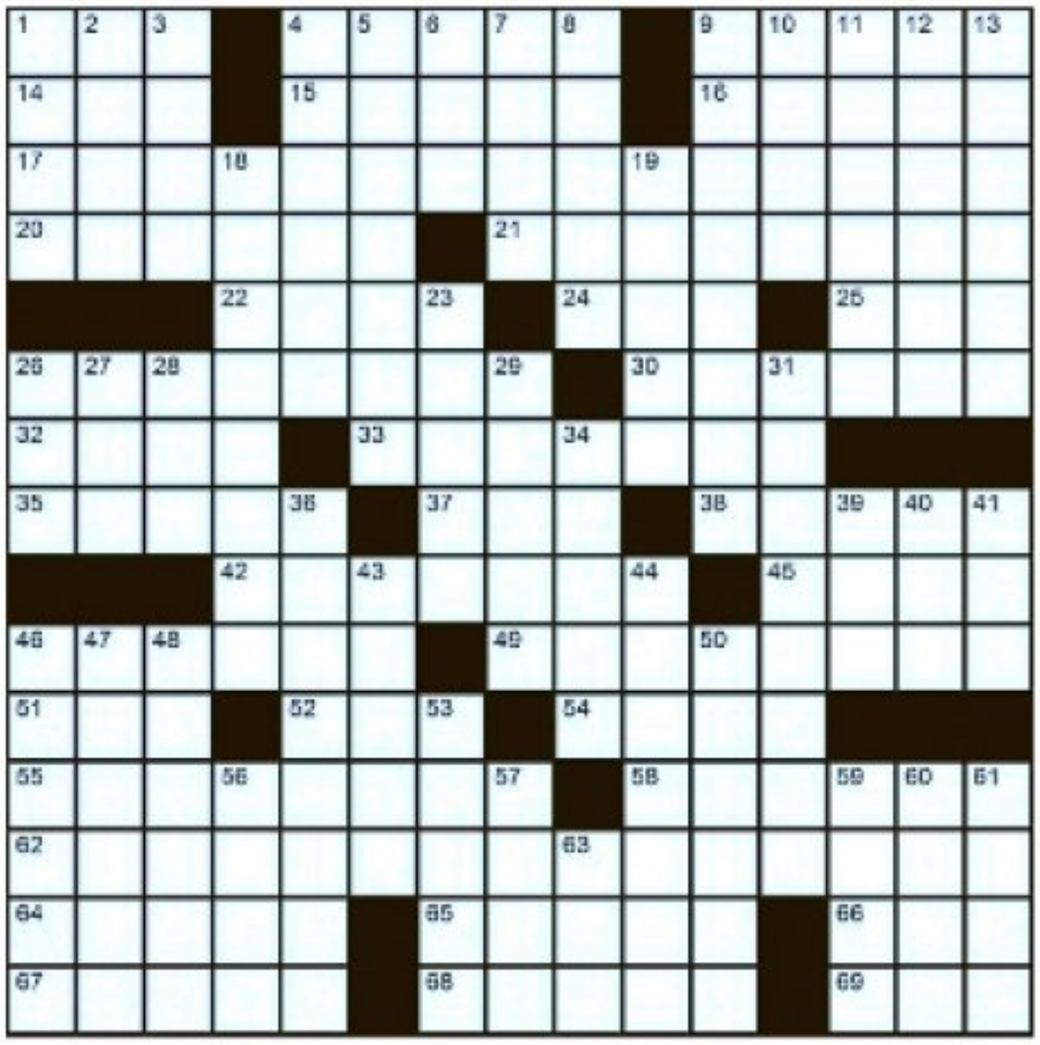

ACROSS
1. Beaver-built barrier
4. Cramp
9. Tiger: French
14. Identity part
15. "__ a stinker?" - Bugs Bunny
16. Against a thing, at law: 2 wds.
17. Nunavut's official flower: 2 wds.
20. Jason of "The Lost Boys" (1987)
21. One trusting another with info
22. Above
24. US medicine watchdog
25. Canadian language, e.g.
26. Spot for a stop on a road trip: 2 wds.
30. Prison person
32. "__ the Groove" by Madonna
33. "American Idol" alum who famously sported a faux-hawk
35. Particular pears
37. France: Le Chateau _'__ (Castle attraction in Upper Normandy)
38. Misses in Madrid, mini-ly
42. Barry Manilow hit bit: "__, __, well / You came and you gave..."
45. National Park in Field, BC
46. Songstress Ms. Gore
49. Judd Hirsch sitcom: 2 wds.
51. Swiss peak
52. Game-on-grass gr.
54. Cruising
55. Beau __ (Star on MTV's "Awkward." from Victoria)
58. Household
62. Remotely banished in Russia: 3 wds.
64. Saltpetre, US-style
65. Chilliwack song
66. Advantages
67. Shoe's bottom design
68. Tatshenshini-__ Park, in northwestern BC
69. Actress, Myrna __x

DOWN
1. Hollywood star Johnny
2. Water: Spanish
3. Beetle Bailey creator Mr. Walker
4. Genealogy test sample
5. Ones attaching jigsaw puzzle bits together, say
6. Years: French
7. Disconnected, in music [abbr.]
8. __ __ sun and cloud (Weather forecast)
9. "Breakfast at __" (1961)
10. Crucifix inscription
11. Best quality, as per food: wd. + letter
12. One who rules when the monarch can't
13. Surface
18. Procedure/etiquette
19. New Delhi's country
23. __ __ book (Do this at the library)
26. Poke fun
27. U2 producer surname
28. Holy ones [abbr.]
29. A means to __ __
31. Kingston-born Celtic singer Ms. Lamond: 2 wds.
34. Herod the Great's realm
36. German __ (Woof!)
39. Also
40. Relieved-one's sound
41. __-in-law
43. "Goodness gracious.": 2 wds.
44. "Baywatch" star Ms. Bleeth
46. Bemoan
47. Magical potion
48. Soft drink name
50. Sportswear brand
53. SAG-__ (Show-biz union)
56. Actress Ms. DuVall
57. Stable offspring
59. Husk
60. Mr. Vannelli
61. Simple
63. Khloe, to Kim

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Do not be discouraged if studies or travel possibilities look too difficult. Many people think that they are overwhelmed with burdens today, but this is temporary.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You might be discouraged because your fair share of something is less, or there isn't enough money to do something in conjunction with someone else. Just wait, because this challenge will pass.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Someone older might rain on your parade today. Don't take this personally, because we all feel this in different ways today. Sigh.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
If someone older or more experienced is critical of you at work today, listen in case there is something of value in what he or she has to say. Yes, it will discourage you, but such is life.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Children might be an increased responsibility today. Likewise, romance might be in the toilet. Fear not; this is a fleeting disappointment.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
An older family member might disapprove of your actions today. Oh well, what's new? This sort of thing goes up and down all the time. Just wait it out.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Don't be gripped by worries today. Remember that old saying: "Worry is like a rocking chair. It gives you something to do, but gets you nowhere." It's true.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You might be discouraged because you don't have enough money to do something today. Well, join the club — we number millions. No worries.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Today the Moon in your sign is lined up with stern Saturn. This means that duty and obligations come first. Consider this an opportunity for hard work.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You will work hard behind the scenes today to accomplish as much as possible, because you see the objective that you want to attain. No pain, no gain!

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Listen to the advice of someone older or more experienced because this person might help you today. (After all, you don't have to reinvent the wheel, do you?)

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
It won't be easy to persuade authority figures to go along with what you want today. Therefore, wait for another day to make your pitch. Timing is everything.

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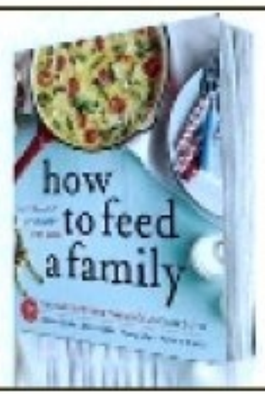

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